

*Background Material  
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MARS PROBE -- The Soviets tried another Mars shot on Sunday. No indication yet that it was successful.

Their attempt on 24 October failed; the one on 1 November was probably successful.

Their trying again so soon may mean that the 1 November shot was not as successful as they let on; or it could mean that they are making a major effort to get info about Mars before the favorable period for such shots ends on 16 Nov.

The next favorable period won't be until the end of 1964.

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USSR-SATELLITES -- All Satellite leaders except  
those of Hungary and Rumania have made  
quick trips to Moscow, presumably to lay  
out the party line on Cuba

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